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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF CODEL TO AAI-SPONSORED AFRICAN-
AMERICAN CONFERENCE IN MASERU

REFS: (A) STATE 272774 (NOTAL) AND (B) PRETORIA 5092(NOTAL)

1. A NUMBER OF CONGRESSMEN AND CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS
PLAN TO ATTEND THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE SCHEDULED
TO BE HELD IN MASERU FROM NOVEMBER 29 TO DECEMBER 3.

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THE GROUP WILL TRAVEL IN A US MILITARY AIRCRAFT EITHER

A VC-137 OR VC-135. THE PROPOSED ITINERARY IS:

FRIDAY - 26 NOVEMBER 1976:

8:00 A.M. - DEPART ANDREWS

8:25 P.M. - ARRIVE DAKAR (7.25 HOURS ENROUTE)

NOTE: VC-135 - ADD TEN MINUTES

SATURDAY - 27 NOVEMBER 1976:

9:00 A.M. - DEPART DAKAR

8:35 P.M. - ARRIVE NAIROBI (8.35 HOURS ENROUTE)

NOTE: VC-135 - ADD TEN MINUTES

SUNDAY - 28 NOVEMBER 1976:

9:00 A.M. - DEPART NAIROBI

1:00 P.M. - ARRIVE BLOEMFONTEIN (5.00 HOURS ENROUTE)

1:30 P.M. - DEPART BLOEMFONTEIN (BY BUS)

4:30 P.M. - ARRIVE MASERU (APPROX - 3 HOURS)

FRIDAY - 3 DECEMBER 1976:

8:00 - DEPART MASERU

11:00 A.M. - DEPART BLOEMFONTEIN

12:30 P.M. - ARRIVE CAPE TOWN (1.30 HOURS ENROUTE)

1:30 P.M. - DEPART CAPE TOWN

6:50 P.M. - ARRIVE FREETOWN (7.20 HOURS ENROUTE)

NOTE: VC-135 - ADD TEN MINUTES

2. FOR ALL POSTS: SEPTEL FOLLOWS WITH PASSENGER LIST AND IDENTIFICATION OF AIRCRAFT AND CREW REQUIRED TO OBTAIN OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING CLEARANCES. CURRENT ESTIMATE IS THAT PARTY WILL NUMBER 30, INCLUDING SOME SPOUSES, PLUS AIRCRAFT CREW. TENTATIVE LIST OF CONGRESSMEN ON OUTBOUND I.E., EAST BOUND LEG OF FLIGHT INCLUDE:

A. DON L. BONKER

B. YVONNE B. BURKE

C. WILLIAM CLAY

D. CARDISS COLLINS

E. RONALD V. DELLUMS

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F. WALTER E. FAUNTROY

G. CHARLES B. RANGEL

H. CHARLES W. WHALEN, JR.

I. ANDREW YOUNG

3. FOR DAKAR: GROUP WILL REQUIRE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS AND GROUND TRANSPORTATION. SUGGEST HOTEL LES MADIES BECAUSE OF ITS PROXIMITY TO THE AIRPORT AND

THE FACT THAT THE GROUP IS ONLY OVERNIGHTING. BUS
TRANSPORTATION WILL BE SATISFACTORY.

4. FOR NAIROBI: DEPARTMENT DEFERS TO YOUR BEST
JUDGMENT AS TO WHICH HOTEL SHOULD BE USED. BUS TRANS-
PORTATION WILL BE SATISFACTORY.

5. FOR FREETOWN AND ACCRA: SENATOR CLARK AND
CHAIRMAN DIGGS WILL JOIN THE GROUP IN MASERU AND RETURN
WITH IT. CODEL HAS SUGGESTED FREETOWN REFUELING AND
REST STOP LARGELY ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT IS A
CONVENIENT HALF-WAY POINT IN THE ITINERARY AND BECAUSE
IT IS SO SELDOM VISITED ESPECIALLY BY CODELS. IF
FREETOWN PROVES IMPRACTICAL, CODEL SUGGESTS A STOP IN
ACCRA. WE HAVE EXPLAINED TO CODEL'S THAT A STOP
IN FREETOWN MUST BE MADE BEFORE DARK BECAUSE RUNWAY

HAS NO LIGHTS. WE HAVE ALSO INFORMED THAT THE TRAVEL
TIME BETWEEN AIRPORT AND FREETOWN AVERAGES AN HOUR
AND A HALF.

6. FOR FREETOWN: WITHOUT APPROACHING GOSL, PLEASE
PROVIDE SOONEST YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO WHETHER
STOP IS ADVISABLE, WHERE GROUP COULD SPEND TWO NIGHTS
AND HOW INTERVENING DAY MIGHT BE SPENT. IN GROUP THIS
SIZE, IT IS LIKELY THAT SOME WILL WISH TO SWIM AND
RELAX WHILE OTHERS WILL WISH TO TOUR AND MEET GOSL
OFFICIALS. ADVISE WHAT GOSL MIGHT PROVIDE BY WAY OF
OFFICIAL ENTERTAINMENT AND HOSPITALITY.

7. FOR ACCRA: WITHOUT APPROACHING HOST GOVERNMENT,
PROVIDE SUGGESTIONS REGARDING LODGING AND ENTERTAINMENT
FOR GROUP THIS SIZE. WE ARE MINDFUL THAT AMBASSADOR
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SMITH WILL BE ARRIVING SAME DAY. HE HAS SEEN THIS MESSAGE.

8. FOR PRETORIA: PLEASE MAKE VIGOROUS EFFORT TO
OBTAIN SAG'S APPROVAL FOR AIRCRAFT TO USE BLOEMFONTEIN
AS AIRPORT OF ENTRY, WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT AIRCRAFT
IDENTIFICATION, PRECISE ETA, USUAL DATA AND PASSENGER
AND CREW WILL BE PROVIDED ASAP. KEEP DEPARTMENT
POSTED ON PROGRESS OR LACK THEREOF IN THIS REGARD.
REPLIES TO YOUR SPECIFIC QUERIES REGARDING YOUNG AND
WIFE WILL BE COMMUNICATED IN SEPTEL.

9. ALL POSTS REQUESTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THIS MESSAGE
AND PROVIDE APPROPRIATE PLANNING INFO AND COMMENTS.
ALL TELEGRAMS REGARDING AFRICAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE
INCLUDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR CODEL AND US MILITARY

AIRCRAFT SHOULD BE CAPTIONED "ALSO FOR AF/EX." KISSINGER

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